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Letter dated 28 February 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith a copy of a note of protest delivered by the United Arab Emirates to the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Arab Emirates concerning the decision of the Iranian Government to erect a monument on the island of Abu Musa, which belongs to the United Arab Emirates.

I should be grateful if you have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

(*Signed*) Abdulaziz Nasser R. **Al-Shamsi**
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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Tehran.

The Ministry wishes to bring to the attention of the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs the news published in the Iranian newspaper *Al-Wifaq*, issue 2115 of 23 December 2004, regarding the decision of the Iranian Government to erect a monument on the island of Abu Musa, which belongs to the United Arab Emirates and is occupied by the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Ministry wishes to register the protest of the United Arab Emirates and its rejection of that act, which constitutes a de facto change to the island, a violation of its historical and cultural features and an encroachment on the rights and sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over the island. Furthermore, it in no way whatsoever facilitates the solution to the dispute existing between the two countries, but rather runs counter to the solution by peaceful means envisaged by both countries.

The Ministry takes this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran the assurances of its highest consideration.

(*Signed*) [Illegible]
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
United Arab Emirates

To: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran